

The Post Office now known as North Bonneville, Washington, was established under the name of Cascades at the lower end of Hamilton Island on November 5, 1851 with F. A. Chenowith, Postmaster, who served in that capacity until September 6, 1852.

For the next ten years the office was swapped back and forth between Daniel F. Bradford and Isaac H. Bush. I can only guess as to the reason for frequent changes of Postmasters, but local history tells of a feud between these families. I do not know whether it came to the cuttin' and fightin' stage, but it may have been only political with verbal battles.

Until 1938, due to the efforts of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Postmaster served only the term of his political affiliations. If politics went the other way, he was out of a job.

Samuel M. Hamilton was appointed Postmaster on October 21, 1863 and served until March 7, 1887 when he was succeeded by John E. Andrews. He was followed by Mrs. Ida E. Jones on June 2, 1893 who held the office until December 4, 1895, when Miss Minnie Jones was appointed (probably a daughter of the above). She was married to one Momen Stevenson and such was duly recorded on December 4, 1895. She served as Postmaster until April 16, 1907 when the name was changed to Moffett Springs, with Thomas E. Moffett as Postmaster.

Earl G. Koon succeeded Thomas E. Moffett on August 31, 1908 and was instrumental in having the name changed to Table Rock on October 31, 1908. With the completion of Cascade Locks in the year 1898 and steamboats could navigate the rapids, the settlement at Hamilton Island began to dwindle and the office was discontinued on August 31, 1910, to be reestablished on July 18, 1917 under the name Wacomac, for one of the early Indian Chiefs, with Henry A. Hostetler, Postmaster.

Earnest Nelson was named to succeed him on May 29, 1918 but declined the position for reasons unknown. Nearly a year later, on November 6, 1918, Roy Winston was appointed but failed to qualify and on July 19, 1920 Roy Matlock was appointed and served until March 4, 1922, when he was succeeded by Miss Marie Schick. Marie, according to the story, was a gal of many accomplishments. Besides having an enormous capacity for the local fermentation, she possessed a dragsaw and a Model-T Ford truck with which she augmented her earnings as Postmaster by cutting wood and delivering it with the Model-T.

The name was again changed from Wacomac to Moffetts on March 29, 1922 and remained so until the beginning of the Bonneville Dam, when the name was changed to North Bonneville. Roy Emerson succeeded Marie Schick on August 25, 1934 and remained until his retirement on November 30, 1951. He was succeeded by Norman W. Senter.

Norman "Wid" Senter served until his death on September 1, 1971, at which time Giltress Senter, his wife, was appointed. She remarried on November 17, 1976 to another Postmaster giving the reins to William D. Cornell, who served until September 9, 1978.

In the next 18 months the office had three OIC's (officers-in-charge), Mr. Roy Schick, Mrs. Mamie Spratt and Mr. Francis "Cliff" Crawford. Succeeding these is present Postmaster, Jessica D. Vanderpool.

Most of the above information has been furnished by Mr. Guy R. Ramsey, Portland, Oregon.

POSTMASTERS

Cascades

Established Nov. 5, 1851, F.A.Chenoweth
Daniel F. Bradford, Sept. 6, 1852
Issac H. Bush, Sept. 3, 1853
Daniel F. Bradford, May 18, 1855
Issac H. Bush, Sept. 8, 1862
Sam'l M. Hamilton, Oct. 21, 1863
John E. Andrews, Mar. 7, 1887
Mrs. Ida E. Jones, June 2, 1893
Miss Minnie Jones, Mar. 6, 1894
Mrs. Minnie Stevenson (Mrs. Momen Stevenson), same as above, Dec. 4, 1895

Moffett Springs

Thos. Moffett, Apr. 16, 1907
Earl G. Koon, Aug. 31, 1908
name change to Table Rock, Oct. 31, 1908
discontinued Aug. 31, 1910, mail sent to Stevenson.

Wacoma

Established July 18, 1917, Henry A. Hostetler
Ernest Nelson, May 29, 1918 Declined
Henry A. Sprague, Nov. 20, 1918
Roy Winston, Nov. 6, 1919 Failed to qualify
Roy Matlock, July 19, 1920
Miss Marie S. Schick, Mar. 4, 1922 Not commissioned
name changed to Moffetts, Mar. 29, 1922
name changed to North Bonneville, May 1, 1934
Roy Emerson, Aug. 25, 1934
Norman Willard Senter, Dec. 1, 1951
Giltress I. Senter, Nov. 27, 1971 ..
Giltress I. Via (Mrs. John Via), same as above, Nov. 17, 1976
William D. Cornell, May 7, 1977
Jessica D. Vanderpool, Mar. 21, 1980